Expansion of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

929. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has acquired land for the steel plant expansion in Visakhaparnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what compensation Government has paid to the landlords for this purpose;

(d) whether Government is providing jobs for atleast one person in each household who have given their land for this expansion;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(0 if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF STEEL(DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) In view of (a) does not arise.

Services provided by various units of Steel Ministry

930. SHR1RUDRANARAYANPANY:
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries to which various units of his Ministry has provided services or sold goods, unit-wise (like SAIL, Meakan, etc.) details thereof;

(b) the amount earned by above;

(c) whether any unit/units are running in loss; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken for their improvement;

(d) whether targets have been fixed for these units in the eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) the estimated number of engineers and other employees to get employment in the steel industry during Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed *(See* below).

(c) Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd. (HSCL) is a loss making unit it has been incurring losses mainly due to interest on Government loans taken by the company for implementation of VRS. M/s. A.F. Ferguson was engaged by HSCL to prepare Revival-cum-restructuring package for the company. Based on the recommendations of M/s. A. F. Ferguson, Ministry of Steel has submitted a proposal to Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) on 11-1-2008.

(d) Yes, Sir. Targets for production and other parameters are fixed by the Memoranda of Undertakings (MoUs) signed with the Ministry of Steel every year.

(e) There is no clear estimate now available of the number of engineers and other employees, who would get employment in the steel industry during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.